

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1       ✓1. A computer implemented method for transacting an intellectual property  
2 service, the method comprising:  
3       presenting a user with one or more intellectual property services and  
4       associated fees; and  
5       in response to selection by the user of one or more of the intellectual property  
6       services, initiating performance of the selected one or more services,  
7       and coincident therewith, transacting the associated one or more fees.

1       2. The method of claim 1,  
2       wherein the intellectual property services include one or more of paying an  
3       annuity or maintenance fee, making an intellectual property filing on  
4       behalf of the user, and preparing target jurisdiction- and associate-  
5       specific form documents.

1       3. The method of claim 1,  
2       wherein the fee transacting includes one or more of authorizing a debit of a  
3       deposit account, supplying an invoice, and processing the fee  
4       transaction via a payment system.

1       4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2       presenting a user with a set of target jurisdictions and respective associates  
3       therefor,  
4       wherein the fees associated with a particular one or ones of the intellectual property  
5       services are further particularized by target jurisdiction and respective associate.

1       5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2       automatically initiating the presenting of intellectual property services in  
3       response to a docket event for particular intellectual property matter.

1       6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2       retrieving intellectual property application information from a data store; and  
3       calculating the fees based on the intellectual property application information.

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1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 supplying information encoding the selected one or more services and the  
3 transacted one or more fees for use in an accounting system.

1 8. A computer implemented method for transacting intellectual property  
2 annuity, maintenance or renewal fee payments, the method comprising:  
3 presenting, based on docket data, a user with a set of one or more intellectual  
4 property matters and associated annuity, maintenance or renewal fee  
5 payments; and  
6 in response to selection by the user of one or more of the matters and  
7 associated fee payments, initiating performance of the selected fee  
8 payments, and coincident therewith, initiating an associated payment  
9 transaction between the user and an intellectual property annuity,  
10 maintenance or renewal fee payment service.

1 9. The method of claim 8,  
2 wherein the presenting with a set of intellectual property matters and  
3 associated fee payments and the initiating performance of the selected  
4 fee payments are performed by the fee payment service.

1 10. The method of claim 8,  
2 wherein at least the presenting with a set of intellectual property matters and  
3 associated fee payments is performed by an intermediary separate from  
4 the fee payment service.

1 11. A method of operating an information service to facilitate fee transactions  
2 relating to intellectual property services, the method comprising:  
3 registering for each of plural associates, at least one target jurisdiction and a  
4 computer readable encoding of fees for services performed by the  
5 associate therein; and  
6 distributing at least a subset of the registered target jurisdiction- and associate-  
7 specific fees to an intellectual property service user for use in

transacting associated intellectual property services using a respective one or ones of the associates.

12. The method of claim 11,  
wherein the distribution is responsive to selection by the intellectual property service user of one or more of the target jurisdictions and, for each selected target jurisdiction, a respective one of the associates.

13. The method of claim 11,  
wherein the distribution includes periodic supply to the intellectual property service user of the computer readable encoding of fees for services.

14. The method of claim 11,  
wherein the distribution is encoded by or transmitted in at least one computer readable medium selected from the set of a disk, CD-ROM, tape or other magnetic, optical, or electronic storage medium and a network, wireline, wireless or other communications medium.

15. An information system for transacting fees associated with intellectual property services, the information system comprising:  
a network including an originating node and plural target nodes, the target nodes corresponding to associates licensed or otherwise authorized to perform intellectual property services in one or more target jurisdictions; and  
an intellectual property service portal coupled by the network to the originating and target nodes, the intellectual property service portal responsive to a selection at the originating node of at least one intellectual property service, supplying the originating node with particularized fees for the selected at least one intellectual property service,  
the intellectual property service portal further responsive to initiation, from the originating node, of the selected at least one intellectual property service, transacting the particularized fees coincident therewith.

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1 16. The information system of claim 15, wherein for a particular selected  
 2 target jurisdiction and associate combination, the particularized fees include:  
 3 target jurisdiction specific fees for an intellectual property filing therein; and  
 4 fees of the selected associate for performing the selected at least one  
 5 intellectual property service.

1 17. The information system of claim 15,  
 2 wherein the originating node includes a computer of a managing attorney or  
 3 intellectual property owner; and  
 4 wherein the target nodes include computers of respective associates  
 5 configured to electronically receive at least partial instructions  
 6 concerning an intellectual property filing from the managing attorney  
 7 or intellectual property owner via the intellectual property service  
 8 portal.

1 18. The information system of claim 15,  
 2 wherein the originating node includes a web browser;  
 3 wherein in the intellectual property service portal includes a web server; and  
 4 wherein the selection of at least one intellectual property service, the  
 5 supplying of the particularized fees, and the transacting of the  
 6 particularized fees are achieved, at least in part, using internet protocol  
 7 traffic between the web browser and the web server.

1 19. The information system of claim 15,  
 2 wherein the intellectual property filing portal is further responsive to  
 3 registration by the associates of their particularized fees;  
 4 wherein the supplied particularized fees include those registered by the  
 5 selected associates.

1 20. The information system of claim 15,  
 2 wherein the network includes one or more of a packet switched network  
 3 segment, a circuit switched network segment, a public network

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